

Higher Art and Design (Course Code: C804 76)

SCQF Level 6 (24 Credit Points)

Why study Art and Design?

Art and Design features in many aspects of our everyday lives, from the advertising posters we see on our streets to the special effects we see in films. Almost everything we see or touch has been designed to be visually attractive including mobile phones, clothes, cars, buildings and websites.

The skills that you develop in Art and Design are useful in many different careers, such as architecture: interior design, fashion and textiles, graphics, web design and photography.

Career Pathways

To see what career areas this subject could lead to and the routes to get there, download and view these career pathways:

[Art and Design](#)

[Computing and ICT](#)

[Construction](#)

[Hairdressing, Beauty and Wellbeing](#)

[Information, Culture and Heritage](#)

[Manufacturing Industries](#)

What do I need to get in?

Entry is at the discretion of the school or college, but you would normally be expected to have:

- **National 5 Art and Design**

What will I study?

The course provides a broad, investigative and practical experience of art and design. Creativity is the key focus.

You will investigate art and design practice by studying artists and designers and their work, whilst learning and developing a range of expressive art and design techniques. This course will allow you the creative inspiration and challenge of communicating your personal thoughts, ideas and feelings through your work.

The course consists of **two** areas of study.

Expressive

You will:

- plan, research and develop creative expressive work in response to a theme or stimulus
- develop knowledge and understanding of artists' working practices and the social, cultural and other influences affecting their work and practice
- respond to a theme or stimulus and produce 2D/3D analytical drawings, studies and investigative research
- use these to produce a single line of development and a final piece
- reflect on and evaluate your creative process and the visual qualities of your work.

Design

You will:

- plan, research and develop creative design work in response to a design brief
- develop knowledge and understanding of designers' working practices and the social, cultural and other influences affecting their work and practice
- respond to a design brief and compile a variety of 2D/3D investigative material and market research
- use these to produce a single line of development and a design solution
- reflect on and evaluate your design process and the aesthetic and functional qualities of your work.

How will I be assessed?

The course assessment has **three** components **totalling 260 marks**:

- Component 1: question paper – worth 60 marks (consisting of one section: Expressive Art Studies or Design Studies, each worth 30 marks - scaled up to 60 for the 2022-23 session)
- Component 2: expressive portfolio – worth 100 marks
- Component 3: design portfolio – worth 100 marks.

For both portfolio components, you will respond to a theme or stimulus by producing relevant and focussed 2D/3D analytical drawings, studies and investigative research, producing a single piece for each. You will demonstrate your creativity and skill through the appropriate use of materials, techniques and/ or technology, visual elements and expressive effects. You will reflect on and critically evaluate your creative process and the visual qualities of both portfolios with reference to your theme or stimulus.

Both the question paper and the portfolios are set and externally marked by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA).

The grade awarded is based on the total marks achieved across course assessment.

The course assessment is graded A-D.

Study Materials

- [SQA Past Papers Art and Design Higher](#)

- [SQA Specimen Paper Art and Design Higher](#)
- [SQA Understanding Standards Art and Design](#)
- [BBC Bitesize Art and Design Higher](#)

What can I go on to next?

If you complete the course successfully, it may lead to:

- **Advanced Higher Art and Design (Design)**
- **Advanced Higher Art and Design (Expressive)**

Further study, training or employment in:

- Architecture
- Art and Design
- Arts Administration
- Communications and Media
- Drama and Theatre Technology
- Engineering General